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SUBJ: RECENT INQUIRIES FROM PRC IN PETROLEUM FIELD

1. IN FRONT PAGE STORY JUNE 22, ASAHI PRESS REPORTED THAT TECHNICAL TEAM FROM JAPANESE FIRM NIHON KOKAN, WHICH RECENTLY VISITED PRC, HAD BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTION OF OIL PIPELINE NETWORK IN PRC. TEAM MEMBERS REPORTED THEY RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT CHINESE HAVE BEGUN FULL- SCALE STUDY OF CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE NETWORK TO CARRY OIL FROM PRODUCING FIELDS SUCH AS TACHING TO REFINERY SITES IN CHINA. SOURCES IN NOHON KOKAN AND JAPAN PRO- PEKING ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (JITPA) REPORTEDLY ALSO INTERPRETED REQUEST AS RELATED TO POSSIBLE CHINESE PLAN TO BUILD PIPELINE TO CARRY OIL FROM TACHING TO COAST FOR EXPORT TO JAPAN. CHINESE ASKED NIHON KOKAN FOR INFORMATION ON (1) KINDS OF PIPES SUITABLE FOR CARRYING HEAVY- PARAFIN AND LOW SULFUR OIL, SUCH AS OIL MINED IN TACHING, (2) INSTALLATION OF HEATING STATIONS,

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AND (3) TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED IN UNDERSEA PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION.

2. TSUNEKAWA OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF NIHON KOKAN CONFIRMED TO EMB
JUNE 22 PRC OFFICIALS HAD REQUESTED OIL PIPELINE TECHNICAL
DATA, AND THAT TECHNICAL DATA OFFERED HAD INCLUDED THREE AREAS
MENTIONED IN PRESS. HE SAID HOWEVER, THAT CHINESE HAD GIVEN NO
INDICATION AS TO HOW THEY WOULD USE INFORMATION, AND THAT TALK
OF CONNECTION BETWEEN INQUIRY AND POSSIBLE PLAN TO EXPORT OIL TO
JAPAN WAS ONLY SPECULATION.

3. ACCORDING SEPARATE PRESS ARTICLE CHINESE HAVE PROPOSED TO
BUY FROM MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES OCEAN OIL DRILLING
EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF OPERATING AT DEPTHS OF 200 METERS.
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